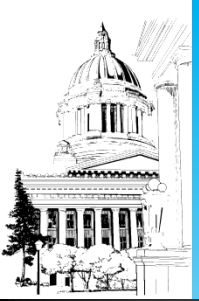


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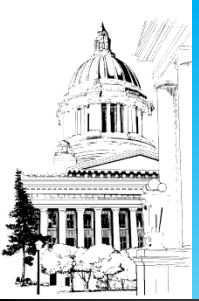
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What does the January 2014 order require?

- ▶ 2013 Committee report described funded enhancements to basic education program.
- ▶ Court: 2013 progress was “meaningful” but insufficient.
- ▶ January 2014 order repeats requirement for a complete year-by-year plan for implementation:
 - Must address all core areas of ESHB 2261 as well as SHB 2776.
 - Must include phase-in schedule.
 - Due by April 30, 2014 (court moved up due date).



What else did the Court say?

- ▶ Court made numerous statements indicating it expected action in the 2014 session.
- ▶ 2014 session is opportunity to “take a significant step forward.”
- ▶ State must demonstrate progress through “immediate, concrete action.”



What did the Court say about specific topics?

- ▶ Transportation: concerned that 2013-15 funded levels fell short of earlier QEC and JTFFEF estimates and were not fully funded.
- ▶ MSOCs: too large a gap remains. MSOC is the program requiring the greatest increase in funding.
- ▶ Compensation: state failed to address personnel costs, a significant area of state underfunding.
- ▶ COLAs: questioned suspension of I-732 COLAs in light of compensation underfunding.
- ▶ Capital construction: court raises issue of adequacy of construction funding.